**Springboard to Politics – Foundational thoughts before we start course content**



*3 things you must understand before knowledge you will acquire…*

1. **Assessment objectives.**

When you deliver written work, your paragraphs/papers need to ensure that they are including these assessment objectives - with an emphasis on AO2 & 3 content if you aspire to those A grades.

 

*All ‘AOs’ you must know if success you are to achieve…*

All assessed work you produce will be assessed against these objectives:

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| **AO1** | Demonstrate **knowledge** and understanding of political institutions, processes, concepts, theories and issues. |
| **AO2** | **Analyse** aspects of politics and political information, including in relation to parallels, connections, similarities and differences. |
| **AO3** | **Evaluate** aspects of politics and political information, including to construct arguments, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions. |

1. **Command words:**

Politics is a prose-based subject, so think about how you can support these AO objectives with your use of command words in your writing.

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| **AO 1** | **Command words & skills** |
| Knowledge | WhatWhenWhoDefineStateListName | Identify ShowRecogniseRecallLocateOutlineMatch | FactWriteTellHowDescribeHow manyGive examples |
| Comprehension | Which WhatFill inReorderOrganiseDemonstrateDistinguishCompareContrastDiscuss | IllustrateExampleInformRelateInterpretDescribeClassifyExtendPredictEstimate | HypothesiseConcludeSummariseRephrasePrecisGive an example ofWhat is the differenceWhat reasonsWhat does it meanTell why |
| **AO 1** | **Command words & skills** |
| Application | Indicate ConsiderChoose DevelopTest Build Plan Construct | InterpretIllustrateShowDemonstrateClassifyModifySolveCalculate | Put into practiceHow wouldTell usRelateComputePredictApplyWhat would happen if |
| Analysis | CategoriseOrganiseClassifyRelateCompareContrast | ChooseOutlineAnalyse DescribeExplainDiscussArrange | DistinguishRecogniseSupport yourIndicate theWhat assumptionWhat to doExamine |

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| **AO 1** | **Command words & skills** |
| Synthesis | CreateInventComposePlanConstructDesignImagineDeviseFormulate | SuggestHowDevelopReportJustifyDeriveHypothesiseSupportProposePredict | Make upWhat conclusionWhat major hypothesisFormulate a solutionPropose a planPut togetherWhat would beThink of a wayWriteSynthesise |
| Evaluation | AssessRateEvaluateChooseSelectDecide | ConcludeDefendJustifyDebateCriticiseArgue | JudgeEstimateSupport your reasonDecide whichConsider whichMost appropriate |

1. **Paragraph structure**

Another piece of advice worth getting into your heads from the get-go is - don’t forget your peas!

**P** – point

**E** – example

**A** – analysis

*Remember, my young padawans, ALL paragraphs need P. E. A.s if the dark side you are to avoid…*

 